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AKRON, OHIO, WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 27, 1899.

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## AT LAST School Board Acts

In the Matter of Selecting  
Text Books.

Werner Books, Union  
Made, Turned Down.

Chairman Frese, of the Text  
Books Committee.

Made Bitter Personal Attack Upon  
Superintendent.

The Committee on Text Books of the  
Board of Education made a recom-  
mendation to the Board of Education  
last night which amounts to a turn  
down for the Werner company's  
books.

Two weeks ago last night Fred G.  
Frese, chairman of the Text Books  
committee was criticized by Supt. R.  
S. Thomas for not reporting to the  
board a recommendation that had  
been made by the Superintendent  
under the rules of the De Garmo  
language book, published by the  
Werner Co., which recommendation  
had been made to the committee on  
July 22.

Last night Mr. Frese read an eight  
page typewritten report, making a  
severe personal attack upon Prof.  
Thomas in relation to the text books  
matter. The concluding part of the  
report, and the recommendations of  
the committee, follow:

"The committee desires to lay the  
following information before the board:

"First. The original requisitions  
for language books, that were with-  
drawn by Superintendent Thomas,  
were 60. These are the requisitions  
held back by the superintendent,  
and of which the committee had no  
knowledge until the meeting of the  
committee on August 22.

"Second. The requisitions for  
arithmetic amounted to 617 books.

"Third. To change either series of  
books would be an expense to the  
board of about \$300 at exchange  
prices, for the elementary book alone.

"Fourth. To introduce new books  
gradually means different language  
books and arithmetics in the schools  
at the same time, but if the commit-  
tee could have gotten the recommen-  
dation of Superintendent Thomas in  
time, they would have advised the  
introduction of the Hall arithmetic  
at the opening of the schools.

"They were led to draft the report  
referred to above: First, because  
they did not know of requisitions  
for language books, and supposed  
none were made until informed by  
Thomas on August 22, as above  
stated, that he had withdrawn re-  
quisitions; second, because after  
consulting with some of the oldest  
teachers in the city, they reported  
that a change in language books was  
only not wanted, but would hurt the  
schools; third, the committee  
thought it equally appropriate for  
the superintendent to recommend  
the continuance of all other books in  
the schools, as well as the Werner  
geography, and that the recommen-  
dation was made simply for effect,  
hence nothing was said in that re-  
port regarding geographies.

"The committee believe that the  
continued changing of text books, as  
recommended by the superintendent  
is injurious to the schools, and serves  
no good purpose but to satisfy per-  
sonal pique, or, if possible, to gain  
personal favor, and it depletes  
changes, except for the best of rea-  
sons.

"The committee therefore would  
recommend:

"First. That no change be made in  
the text books on physics.

"Second. That no change be made  
for the present in language books.

"Third. That Hall's arithmetic be  
adopted by the board to take effect  
at such time as the board may think  
advisable.

"F. G. FRESE,  
"E. E. OTIS,  
"C. W. MILLIKIN."

The report drew a vigorous reply  
from Supt. Thomas, who spoke in  
part as follows:

"Gentlemen of the Board—I have  
no disposition to take your time in  
answering the abuse that is meted  
out to me by this report. I do, how-  
ever, wish to make a statement of  
facts touching this question. Mr.

THE WEATHER:  
Fair tonight, with light frost in  
east and south portion.

## Sideboards

Dining  
Tables AND  
Chairs....

Our stock is now  
very complete and the  
largest we have ever  
shown.

Designs are very fine  
Prices are low

And if you contem-  
plate buying we be-  
lieve we can do you  
good. With our en-  
larged floor space we  
are enabled to display  
our goods to better ad-  
vantage than hereto-  
fore.

If you want any-  
thing to furnish a  
house see

Burdette L.  
**Dodge**  
Howard st.

Frese had twice refused to meet with  
me when I wished to recommend  
the DeGarmo language book to his  
committee, as the rules provide my  
recommendations shall be made.

But one means of getting my recom-  
mendation before the Board was  
open to me and of this I availed my-  
self two weeks ago. Mr. P. E.  
Werner told me himself that a cer-  
tain member of the committee had  
told him that if he would remain in-  
active while the investigation into  
the management of the schools was  
going on not long ago, that the Wer-  
ner company would get its books into  
the schools.

The Superintendent concluded by  
denouncing the committee's insinua-  
tion that he was favorable to a  
school book concern.

In the discussion that followed  
some of the members of the Board  
and Supt. Thomas flatly contradicted  
each other. Mr. Thomas said  
that his recommendation had been  
held up by the committee because its  
members thought they could mis-  
represent his position by so doing.  
Upon the other hand members of the  
committee said they were unable to  
get a meeting with Prof. Thomas,  
and that when they investigated the  
case they found no requisitions for  
the language books.

A great many of Akron's citizens  
are inclined to the belief that a mat-  
ter of such vital importance to the  
schools as the selection of text books  
should be free from all personal con-  
siderations whatsoever.

When the committee's report was  
finally put to a vote that part recom-  
mending that there be no change in  
language books or physics was  
adopted by the Board. This keeps  
the Werner books out of the schools  
in the language department. The  
recommendation that Hall's arith-  
metic, another Werner book, be  
adopted and put in use at such time  
as the Board may deem advisable,  
was laid over.

At the Grand.

Those who like stirring melodrama  
will have an opportunity to see  
something hot when Lincoln J.  
Carter's newest scenic sensation  
"The Heart of Chicago" moves into  
the Grand next Thursday night. It  
has enjoyed tremendous success  
throughout the east during the past  
season and comes west heralded as  
the best melodramatic scenic pro-  
duction on the stage. The Philadel-  
phia Ledger, among other pleasant  
things, says: "Enough scenery is  
carried to stock half a dozen melo-  
dramas, and the approaching engine  
scene far outtops anything of the  
sort ever attempted."

Fred E. Wright, for ten years  
Playwright Hoyt's business manager  
and this season personally directing  
the tours of his three greatest suc-  
cesses, "A Trip to Chinatown," "A  
Contented Woman" and "A Black  
Sheep," says, "The Old Adage, 'All  
things come to him who waits,' is all  
right, but it could be improved upon  
by adding, 'Wait for a Trip to  
Chinatown' and you will get all  
that's coming to you." At the Grand  
Saturday afternoon and evening.

## WEIR CASE

Hearing on Appeal.

Husband Claimed Alimony  
Was Too High.

Mogadore Case Ended In  
Circuit Court.

Textile Co.'s Assets Are Double  
Liabilities.

Adolph Koehler's Will Filed—Court  
House News.

The Circuit court heard the appeal  
case of Nina Weir vs. Henry Weir  
today.

The action for alimony and divorce  
was decided in favor of the plaintiff  
in the Common Pleas court. She  
was given a divorce and the husband  
was ordered to pay her \$225 down  
and \$2 per week alimony. He ap-  
pealed the action to the Circuit  
court on the judgment for alimony.

No Jurisdiction.

The Circuit court has discussed  
the appeal case of Albert Hale vs.  
Williston Alling, Recorder, et al.,  
holding that it has no jurisdiction in  
the matter. This action was com-  
menced to prevent the incorporation  
of the village of Mogadore. Judge  
Koehler held that the proceedings  
were regular and the village could  
incorporate.

Textile Company Receiver.

As exclusively stated in the DEMO-  
CRAT, D. W. Patton was appointed  
receiver Tuesday for the Textile  
Manufacturing Co. The action was  
brought by the Standard Hardware  
Co. The M. O'Neil Co. and The  
Laurel company claim liens. The  
liabilities are between \$3,500 and  
\$3,600 with assets double that  
amount.

Minor Matters.

The case of Adam Oppenheimer vs.  
the Robinson Bros. Co., has been  
dismissed.

An amended petition has been filed  
in the case of the Power City Bank  
vs. the Beacon Journal Co. The  
plaintiff asks judgment for \$170.60.

The Circuit court heard the error  
case of the City vs. Marion E. Fiege,  
Wednesday.

Probate Court.

Juries have been drawn to hear the  
city cases to assess damages because  
of the East Market street improve-  
ment.

The will of Adolph Koehler has  
been filed. Two-thirds of the prop-  
erty is given to his wife Lena  
Koehler, the balance going to his  
son Paul.

A. A. Zschech has been appointed  
administrator w. w. a. of the estate  
of Bertha Zschech. Bond \$500.

Marriage Licenses.

Ray E. Miller, Cleveland..... 25  
Lotta A. Blackburn, Hudson..... 25

Norton Porter, Grove City, Ill..... 23  
Lettie Rodenberger, Barberton..... 23

Harry Smead, Akron..... 22  
Ross Kretz, Akron..... 20

LAST LINKS.

INCREASED—The pension of Al-  
meron C. Francisco of Copley has  
been increased from \$8 to \$10 per  
month.

CHURCH FAIR—The congrega-  
tion of St. Augustine's church, Bar-  
berton, is arranging for a church  
fair to be held from Nov. 1 to 10.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION—  
The seventieth birthday anniversary  
of Mrs. Veronica Halter, 1065 South  
Main st., was very pleasantly cele-  
brated Monday evening. Friends  
and relatives to the number of 50  
were present. The aged lady received  
a number of valuable presents.

MISSION SERVICES—Mission  
services will begin at St. Mary's  
church next Sunday and continue  
for a period of two weeks. The ser-  
vices will be conducted by Fathers  
Albert and Alexis of the Order of  
Passionists, Hoboken, N. J. Every-  
body will be made welcome at the  
services.

CORNER STONE—The corner  
stone of the new church of the Im-  
maculate Conception, Canton, will  
be laid Sunday afternoon, with most  
impressive ceremonies. Akron Ger-  
man and Irish Catholics will go to  
Canton on a special C. T. & V. train  
to attend the services. The train  
will leave at 9:05 a. m. In the party  
will be the Knights of St. John,  
C. M. B. A. and C. K. of O.

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DISTRICT

Conference of African

Methodist Church.

Fifty Out of Town Pastors and Workers  
Attending Convention.

The A. M. E. Zion church conven-  
ed in this city at 12 o'clock today in the A.  
M. E. Zion church, South High st.,  
near Cedar. In fair sized audience  
present were about 50 out-of-town  
pastors and church workers.

Bishop C. C. Petty, of Newburg,  
S. C., was unable to be present to pre-  
side at the opening session, and Pre-  
siding Elder G. W. Lewis, of Pitts-  
burgh, opened the conference.

Rev. B. F. Combach, of Home-  
wood, Pa., was elected secretary; C.  
W. Simmons, of Washington, Pa.,  
was elected assistant secretary; E.  
D. W. Jones, of Allegheny, was  
made statistician and reporter.

Rev. J. W. King, pastor of the  
South Main st. M. E. church, was  
present and extended to the visitors  
a hearty greeting and welcome from  
the clergy of the city.

TRUST

Will Probably Absorb an

Akron Plant.

Local Business Men Attended Meeting  
In Chicago Last Week.

There is a possibility of a big trust  
being organized which will comprise  
all the important electrical manu-  
facturing concerns in this country.

In Chicago last week a meeting  
of electrical men was held for the  
purpose of adopting a scale of selling  
prices. Before the meeting ad-  
journing a committee was appointed  
to visit all the electrical plants in  
the country to appraise them approx-  
imately in view of a big consolida-  
tion. L. C. Miles and S. A. Sague,  
general manager of the Akron Elec-  
trical Co., attended the Chicago  
meeting.

Another meeting will be held in  
New York next week to arrange some  
definite plans for procedure.

DEATHS.

SHOEMAKER—James M. Shoe-  
maker, 841 Bowery st., aged 22 years,  
7 months and 14 days, died Wednes-  
day morning, Sept. 27, of tubercu-  
losis. He was a member of the White  
Anchor Relief Association. Funeral  
Friday at 2 o'clock at the house.  
Burial in Mt. Hope cemetery.

EDITOR SEYBOLD'S REPLY

To the Beacon's Insinuations—Hanna's Friends  
Alarmed at the Germania's Indepen-  
dent Attitude.

Editor Louis Seybold returned from Columbus Wednes-  
day morning. He was apparently but little disturbed by the  
Beacon's intimation that he had visited the State Democratic  
headquarters for reasons other than those of making a personal  
call. To a DEMOCRAT reporter he said:

"I called at the Democratic headquarters at Columbus  
for the purpose of extending my sympathy to an old  
friend, who recently lost his wife by death. It is evident that  
the Beacon is alarmed because of the stand the Germania has  
taken on the Imperialistic policy of the Republican party. If  
it thinks that it can drive me into line again by the tactics of  
yesterday it is mistaken. That has a tendency to make me  
more outspoken. The Republicans know that I am indepen-  
dent. I have had invitations to visit their state headquarters,  
but they know that I did not do so. These invitations were  
sent to me in an indirect way. Why, I can only guess. Mr.  
Hanna's friends cannot make me follow them around at their  
heels like a little dog.

"The Germania, like all other German papers of the United  
States, is opposed to the Imperialistic policy of the Adminis-  
tration. If the Ohio Republicans insist on dragging National  
affairs into state politics, they will find all the Germans op-  
posed to them.

"The one thing that the Germans cannot swallow is the  
idea of Imperialism. That policy of the Administration will  
be vigorously opposed by the German-American citizens."

## ONE DAY

Will Schools Close.

Children's Time at County

Fair Limited.

Examination Law Is a

Dead Letter.

Miss Cochran Transferred to

Ward Building.

Despite Objections of Prof. Thomas—  
Board Business.

After considerable argument it  
was decided by the Board of Educa-  
tion Tuesday night to close the  
schools next Wednesday to give the  
children an opportunity to attend the  
fair. This is children's day and the  
admittance is free to youths. Here-  
tofore school has been closed two  
days—Thursday and Friday. This  
year they will be closed but one.

Cannot Enforce the Law.

Supt. Thomas stated that it was  
impossible to carry out the law in  
reference to the Board of Examiners  
requiring every teacher to take an  
examination before being given a  
certificate to teach. He cited the  
cases of Miss Grace Hall, E. F. Ran-  
kin, Mrs. Jeannette Friend and Miss  
Butler. Sometimes teachers are  
wanted on short notice in emergency  
cases and in such cases according to  
the law they could not teach, as  
every one is to take an examination  
and they are held only twice a year.

Mr. Slabaugh argued that a substi-  
tute or reserve corps of teachers was  
the only remedy. He said that was  
the custom in large cities and while  
it would be a little expensive that  
out of 135 or 140 teachers in Akron  
the substitutes no doubt could be  
given a good deal of work.

The Cochran Case Again.

Miss Julia Cochran has been work-  
ing in the assembly room of the  
High school the past two weeks. Mr.  
Otis moved that the Superintendent  
and teachers salaries committee  
assign her to work outside of the  
High school. At this juncture Dr.  
Reed stated emphatically that she  
was elected to teach only in the High  
school. Mr. Otis hit back by saying  
that Dr. Reed and Mr. Thomas may  
understand it that way, but the  
board did not. Mr. Thomas went  
to his desk and secured a list of  
teachers elected for this year and  
handed it to Dr. Reed. The last  
named arose and said he had the or-  
iginal list and Miss Cochran's name  
appeared as a high school teacher.

The motion of Mr. Otis carried by a  
vote of six to four. Ayes—Messrs.  
Millikin, Otis, Slabaugh, Frese, Kel-  
ley and Gibbons. Nays—Messrs.  
Raymond, Hartzell, Talcott, Reed.

It is the intention to put Miss  
Cochran in some ward building and  
if she declines the board will refuse  
to pay her.

Salary Increased.

After much talk the salary of J.  
R. Smith, principal of the Henry  
school, was increased from \$900 to  
\$1,000, and J. E. McKern's, principal  
of the Spicer school, was raised from  
\$1,000 to \$1,100. These salaries were  
paid last year to the other principals.

Night Schools.

Mr. Kelley introduced a resolution  
stating that a meeting be called in  
the near future to get the young men  
together who are anxious to attend  
night school. The motion carried by  
a vote of six to four. The plan is  
that if a sufficient number of pupils  
can be obtained that a commercial  
department be opened in the High  
school, the hours to be from 7 to 9  
every night in the week except Sat-  
urday and Sunday.

Miscellaneous.

It was decided to buy smoke con-  
sumers for use in the boilers in the  
school buildings.

Clerk Shrier reported \$77,400 in the  
treasury.

Mrs. Frances Sproul of the Perkins  
building was granted a few days  
leave of absence to attend to urgent  
personal business.

E. F. Rankin, a graduate of Adel-  
bert college, was employed to teach  
in First A Grammar at \$800 a year.

Miss Neva Nash's resignation was  
accepted. She has accepted a kin-  
dergarten position in the east.

Supt. Thomas read a list of refer-  
ence books that are needed for the  
chemical laboratory. The matter was  
referred to the text book and ap-  
paratus committee with power to act.

## ON

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## DISMISSED

Cases Against Five Men

Charged With Larceny.

Evidence Against Them Was Insuffi-  
cient—Police Court News.

The cases of grand larceny against  
Anton Galtar, Frank Edwards, Jos.  
Harris, Geo. Ney and George Snyder,  
alleged to have stolen brass from  
the Erie railroad, were dismissed by  
Mayor Young upon advice from Pol-  
ice Prosecutor C. C. Benner, that  
the evidence was not of a substan-  
tial nature.

The men who it is charged received  
the stolen brass, John Groetz and  
Huber Joint, were also discharged.

The only convictions made out of  
the whole bunch of alleged thieves  
was in the cases of Joseph Harris  
and George Snyder, who pleaded  
guilty to petit larceny and were each  
fined \$5 and costs and 30 days in the  
works.

For loitering, Blaine Liles and  
Wm. Mann were sentenced to ten  
days and costs.

Andrew Hower and Bert Sheppard  
were fined \$5 and costs for intoxica-  
tion. The others fined \$25 and costs  
on the same charges were Wm.  
Straight, Wm. Richards, John Mc-  
Gowan, E. B. Stevens, John Hogan  
and Harry Stewart.

PLUMBING SUPPLIES

Will be Manufactured—An Addition  
Being Built.

The Penn Foundry Manufacturing  
Co. began the erection of an addi-  
tion to the Buel plant in South Ak-  
ron Tuesday. The addition will be  
152 by 75.

Secretary W. W. McIntosh states  
that the shop will be in operation in  
six weeks and will employ from 50  
to 100 men. They will manufacture  
instantaneous giant hot water heat-  
ers and plumbing supplies.

Nothing Missed.

J. M. Poulson of 920 East Market  
st., has reported to County Detective  
Burison that thieves entered his  
house the other night. An entrance  
was gained by smashing in the  
back door of the residence. They  
went all over the residence but noth-  
ing has been missed.

## MESSENGERS

Of the A. D. T. Company

Have a Grievance.

Claimed Hours Too Long—Pay Too  
Small—Walking Delegates.

For several days there has been a  
sign reading "Boys Wanted," posted  
in the office of the American Dis-  
trict Telegraph company.

The company has been experienc-  
ing much trouble with its messen-  
gers. During the last two weeks the  
force has been almost completely  
changed. The boys claim that they  
are not treated fairly. Most of those  
who have lost their positions claim  
that they quit voluntarily. They say  
that they were not well treated, that  
their salaries were too small and the  
working hours too long. A number  
of the former messengers have taken  
up the fight against the company.

They are now doing duty as walking  
delegates, and they have succeeded  
in getting a large number of the boys  
to quit. The American District Tel-  
egraph company has experienced much  
trouble because of the strike.

Let the Stands Remain.

To the Editor:

I do not reside in the corporate  
limits of the city, but as a neighbor  
I would like to make a suggestion. If  
not in violation of any ordinance,  
why not permit the beautiful band  
stands on the Four Corners to remain  
until severe weather necessitates  
their removal. As types of architec-  
tural beauty they are too near per-  
fection to be destroyed.

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